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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: KIKUCHI et al  
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Art Unit: 3627  
Examiner: M. Shaawat

**AMENDMENT**

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May 29, 2007

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2007. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments